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SAVANNAH, Ga. - No. 29-ranked Southern Indiana opened up an 8-1 lead in through the first three innings and held on for an 8-5 college baseball victory over host Armstrong Atlantic State on Saturday afternoon at Pirate Field.

The Screamin' Eagles (1-0) opened up their season with a win, while handing the Pirates (3-1) their first defeat of the 2010 campaign.

Each team put up a run in the first inning as Southern Indiana's Caleb Ehmke drove in a run in the top of the first with an RBI single, while the Pirates answered with an Alex Wyche RBI single in the bottom of the inning.

Southern Indiana took the lead for good in the second inning on a two-run home run by Michael Huling, then chased AASU starter Blake Culberson with five runs in the top of the third inning - highlighted by an Ehmke RBI double and an RBI triple by Dylan Mooney.

Sophomore **Jesse Osborne** came in in relief of Culberson and shut the Screamin' Eagles down from the third inning on, hurling six innings of four-hit shutout ball, walking one and striking out four.

The Pirates cut the lead in half by plating three runs in the bottom of the fifth, including a two-RBI double by senior Josh Wilson, and tacked on a run in the bottom of the ninth on another RBI by Wilson, but Southern Indiana closer Trevor Leach retired Alex Wyche with two on in the bottom of the ninth to preserve the victory.

Tyler Choate (1-0) hurled six innings of eight-hit, four-run ball, walking one while striking out three to pick up the win for Southern Indiana. Leach pitched three innings of two-hit, one-run ball, walking two and striking out three for the save.

Culberson (1-1) gave up 10 hits and eight runs - five earned - in three-plus innings of work, walking one while striking out three to take the loss for the Pirates.

Adam Enright went 4-for-4 for Southern Indiana at the plate, while Brad Vance added three hits. Wilson had two hits and

three RBI to lead the Pirates, while reigning PBC Player of the Week Michael Price had two hits and two stolen bases.

The Pirates and the Screamin' Eagles wrap up their three-game series with a doubleheader beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday at Pirate Field.



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